

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.    A universal collar that attaches to a pump and, in turn, a container used in a  
2                    dispenser having a keyplate, the universal collar comprising: a body having  
3                    a first flange and a second flange, wherein said flanges extend outward and  
4                    are axially spaced from each other for receiving the keyplate therebetween.
- 1           2.    The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein said flanges are connected on a  
2                    forward side of the universal collar by a vertically extending rib.
- 1           3.    The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein at least one of said flanges defines  
2                    a notch on a rearward side thereof for receiving a projecting portion of the  
3                    dispenser.
- 1           4.    The universal collar of Claim 3, wherein said notch is centered within said  
2                    flange on said rearward side.
- 1           5.    The universal collar of Claim 1, wherein said body includes a top edge, said  
2                    top edge defining a locating recess for receipt of a projection on the  
3                    container, said recess having a base and a pair of upstanding sides, wherein  
4                    said sides are circumferentially spaced from each other for receipt of the  
5                    projection therebetween.
- 1           6.    The universal collar of Claim 5, wherein one of said sides extends  
2                    perpendicular to said base and the other of said sides extends obliquely  
3                    relative to said base.
- 1           7.    The universal collar of Claim 5, wherein said top edge extends axially

2 upward relative to said first flange and extends in a circular fashion to  
3 circumscribe a portion of the container.

1 8. A universal collar comprising a hollow cylindrical collar having a first  
2 flange and a second flange extending at least rearwardly therefrom, and  
3 axially spaced to define a receiver clearance therebetween.

1 9. The universal collar of claim 4, wherein said flanges extend radially outward  
2 from said collar, each flange defining a notch that opens rearwardly relative  
3 to said collar.

1 10. A universal collar used in conjunction with a container for securement of the  
2 container within a soap dispenser that has a housing that defines a container  
3 recess and has a receiver that includes a keyplate, the container comprising a  
4 hollow body having a neck portion; and

5 a universal collar comprising a body defining a bore, wherein said  
6 universal collar fits over said neck portion and receives said neck portion  
7 within said bore, and a pair of generally horizontal planar flanges extending  
8 radially outward from said universal collar and axially spaced from each  
9 other for receipt of the keyplate therebetween.